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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IR, US
SUBJ: GEORGE WILL COLUMN

REF: STATE 63666

1. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER THAT ANY AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS MADE ANY APPROACH TO GOVT OF IRAN AS ALLEGED IN WILL'S COLUMN.

2. I HAVE PARTICULARLY SEARCHED MY MIND RE VISIT TO TEHRAN LAST FALL BY SECY BULUMENTHAL, IN WHICH I PARTICIPATED. I AM CERTAIN NO SUCH APPROACH WAS MADE IN MY PRESENCE, NOR WOULD SUCH AN APPROACH HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH TENOR OFDISCUSSIONS HELD WITH SHAH AND OTHER SENIOR IRANIAN OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME.

3. INDEED IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT SHAH CONSISTENTLY DENIED THAT GOI WOULD PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON DESTINATION OF OIL ONCE LIFTED FROM IRANIAN PORTS (IN CONTECT OF PAST EMBARGOES BY ARAB STATES), UNTIL HE APPARENTLY INTIMATED TO A VISITING AMERICAN JOURNALIST A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO THAT HE MIGHT CONSIDER A BAN ON SHIPMENTS TO
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ISRAEL IF CONDITIONS JUSTIFIED. I DO NOT RECALL NAME OF JOURNALIST BUT HE WAS A PROMINENT ONE AND NEA/IRN SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACE IT FOR YOU. THAT WAS FIRST TIME SUCH A POSSIBILITY SURFACED, TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

4. YOU OF COURSE WILL ALREADY HAVE THOUGHT OF ASKING BILL SULLIVAN WHAT HE KNOWS OF THIS MATTER.

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BILL WAS ALSO PRESENT AT ALL DISCUSSION SECY
BLUMENTHAL HAD WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS LAST FALL. MONJO

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